

## Enclosure for Dedication Plaque Blue

### Biographical Information:

"Ambrose Redmoon", also known as "Ambrose Hollingworth Redmoon", were pseudonyms of James Neil Hollingworth, author and rock band manager. Born in 1933 in Painesville, Ohio, James Neil Hollingworth changed his name to Ambrose Hollingworth Redmoon. Mr. Redmoon was a little known author and former manager of the rock band "Quicksilver Messenger Service."

At the age of 33, he was in a near-fatal car accident that left him a paraplegic, confined to a wheelchair and dependent on the care of others. With his former life gone, he turned to writing. He lived in Santa Rosa, California where he spent the last 3 decades of his life. Though he struggled to get his writings published and was little known beyond a relatively small circle of followers, Mr. Redmoon kept writing until he passed away in 1996 at the age of 63. The quote about courage is from an article entitled "No Peaceful Warriors!" which was published in the fall of 1991 in an issue of "Gnosis: A Journal of the Western Inner Traditions." The following is an excerpt from the article in which the quote was taken from:

*"Peaceful warrior" is far more than a contradiction in terms. The function of a warrior is to eliminate an exterior enemy presence. . . . Cowardice is a serious vice. Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than one's fear. The timid presume it is lack of fear that allows the brave to act when the timid do not. But to take action when one is not afraid is easy. To refrain when afraid is also easy. To take action regardless of fear is brave."*

Aristotle (384 BC – 322 BC) was a Greek philosopher, a student of Plato and teacher of Alexander the Great. His writings cover many subjects, including physics, metaphysics, poetry, theater, music, logic, rhetoric, politics, government, ethics, biology, and zoology. Together with Plato and Socrates (Plato's teacher), Aristotle is one of the most important founding figures in Western philosophy. His writings constitute a first at creating a comprehensive system of Western philosophy, encompassing morality and aesthetics, logic and science, politics and metaphysics. Twenty-three hundred years after his death, Aristotle remains one of the most influential people who ever lived. His philosophy on ethics and excellence is still relevant today:

*"Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."*